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Application Number	09/736,828
Filing Date	December 13, 2000
First Named Inventor	Charles D. Ritz
Group Art Unit	3635
Examiner Name	Thissell, Jennifer I.
Attorney Docket Number	321802.1020

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- ii. ☐ Other:
- b. ☒ Enclosed
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- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other:
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In re the application of:)
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Serial No.: 09/736,828) Art Unit: 3635
Filed: December 13, 2000) Examiner: Thissell, Jennifer I.
For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR) Docket No.: 321802-1020
INCREASING THE LOAD CAPACITY)
AND STABILITY OF GUYED TOWERS)

THIRD RESPONSE

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In regard to the outstanding non-final Office Action of June 18, 2003, Applicant submits the following Third Response with amendments and remarks.

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